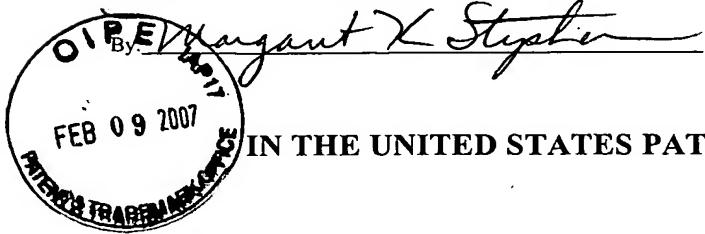


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Sir:

In response to the further Restriction Requirement dated January 8, 2007, counsel for Assignee elects to prosecute the claims of Group I, Species 1, referring to Figure 2, claims 4-9, 13, 18-23.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-324-6303.

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